



It is my honor to be here today to deliver the State of the City address. This is my second term serving as your mayor, I am living my dream serving our community. I love representing the 16,800 residents who call Anacortes home. The citizens of Anacortes are well served by a dedicated, community focused City Council and staff who bring diverse experiences and are committed to the betterment of this community.

Today, we come together to celebrate our City's strengths that contribute to our quality of life and what you can expect of us in 2019 as we continue to build a vibrant City for the next generation.

When you think of Anacortes, what comes to mind? Our working

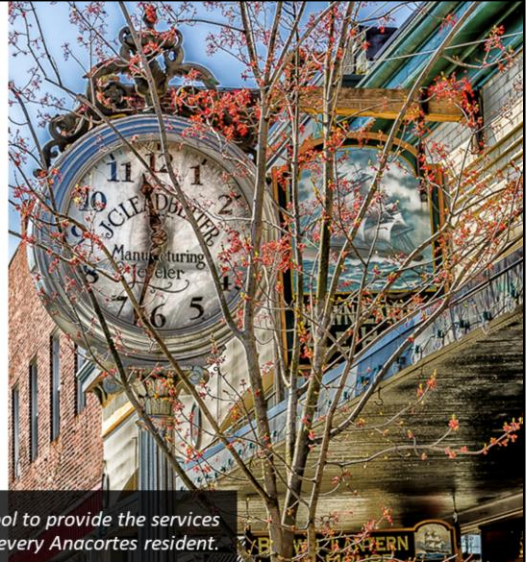
waterfront, Saturday mornings at the farmers market, your favorite meal at a local restaurant, a unique find at a small business, a song you heard at an outdoor concert, or a picnic at one of our beautiful parks. Whatever it may be, I truly believe that we are so fortunate to live on this island and call this home. We have an abundance of natural beauty and so much talent in our community.

## GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

- Public Safety- Police, Fire, Ambulance
- Administration: Human Resources, Anacortes Senior Activity Center, Municipal Court, Public Defender, IT, Municipal Fiber
- Legal
- Finance
- Planning, Community and Economic Development
- Public Works- Operations, Street Maintenance, Engineering
- Parks and Recreation
- Library
- Museum

## ENTERPRISE FUNDS

- Water
- Sewer
- Storm drain
- Solid Waste



*The budget is our tool to provide the services and quality of life to every Anacortes resident.*

# FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The City operates both Governmental and Enterprise funds. Governmental funds rely primarily on tax revenues. The governmental operating budget totals \$26,944,801 and receives 69.5% of its funding from taxes that can only grow in a strong economy. General taxes fund the operation of police, fire, ambulance service, administrative services, municipal court, legal, planning, community and economic development, parks and recreation, library, museum, Anacortes Senior Activity Center and street maintenance. The Enterprise funds are self-supporting through user fees, such as utility services of water, sewer, storm drain, and solid waste.

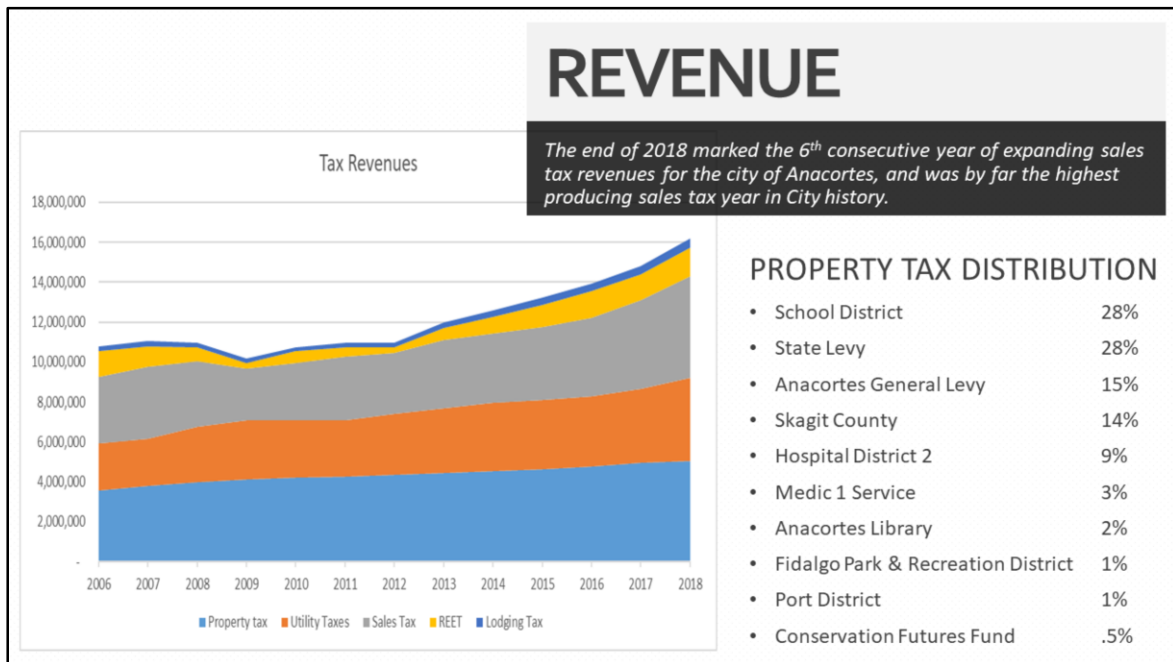
We are in the first year of the City's 2019-2020 biennial budget, a financial roadmap for the City of Anacortes that provides

\$64,731,920 in 2019 and \$70,221,374 in 2020. The budget is our tool to provide the services and quality of life to every Anacortes resident. It is a balanced budget that reflects our commitment to maintain our infrastructure and our intent to provide quality services and amenities to our residents while being conscientious of our financial position.

The general fund cash balance currently sits at a healthy \$8.1 million in reserves. This represents nearly 6 months general fund operations and satisfies recommended best practices for municipal cash reserves.

We recently received our annual Moody's rating. Our status improved by one level, demonstrating the City's ability to keep bond rates low and illustrates our strong financial position.

For a more in depth look on our 2019-2020 biennial budget, I encourage you to review the budget edition of *A-town is our Town* magazine.



The City's three largest tax revenue streams are Sales Tax, Property Tax, and Utility Tax. Other Governmental fund revenues include charges for service, such as fees for building permits, franchise fees, and fees for activities and services.

Year to date, the majority of our revenue streams are outpacing prior year revenues for the same period. Sales tax receipts are exceeding the prior year revenues through the same period by 20%. The sales tax is still continuing also to exceed the budget by 9%. This is the sixth consecutive year of sales tax growth has increased, are being driven primarily by hospitality industry, vehicle sales, residential construction, online sales, and boat sales.

Property taxes are the City's single largest governmental revenue stream. Property taxes on a home assessed at \$419K are approximately \$4,400, of which the City receives \$659. Anacortes remains one of the lowest taxing cities in Skagit County with a 2018 general millage of \$1.53 per \$1,000 of assessed value, generating a 2018 property tax levy of \$5,038,278.

In November 2018, Anacortes voters approved a sales tax increase of two tenths of one percent for the purpose of funding street improvements. The Transportation Benefit District revenue source provides approximately \$1.8 million dollars in annual revenue. This sales tax increase will take effect on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the current \$20 vehicle license fee expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>.



## PUBLIC SAFETY



YEAR	CALLS
2018	9,846
2017	10,053
2016	9,941

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Staff includes three administrators, three detectives, eighteen patrol officers (including sergeants and corporals), one Narcotics K-9 officer, and one School Resource Officer. Our non-commissioned staff consists of five records staff, one code enforcement/animal control officer, and one community resource officer.*

The continued hard work of our police department is what makes Anacortes a safer community. The Anacortes Police Department responded to almost 10,000 calls for service in 2018. Statistics for 2018 show significant decreases in vehicle prowls and motor vehicle thefts, with increases in DUI arrests, domestic violence arrests, and simple assaults. Our narcotics detection K-9 team deployed over 250 times in 2018 with record drug and cash seizures. We continue to partner with the Anacortes School District and recently renewed the School Resource Officer program. Our School Resource Officer has built positive relationships with students, faculty, parents and has played a key role in updating school safety plans.

Training continues to be a priority for the department and we

once again exceeded the State mandated annual training hour requirement for our officers. We have placed special emphasis on active shooter and crisis intervention training during 2018 and we will continue this focus in 2019.

We are currently working through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs re-accreditation process with the goal of being a four-time accredited agency. To do this we meet or exceed 138 professional standards and are currently the only accredited law enforcement agency in Skagit County.

In 2019, we will be adding an additional commissioned police officer to our staff.

Our Auxiliary Patrol volunteers serve our community through their generous donation of time and commitment to public safety. They logged over 4,000 volunteer hours in 2018, an approximate 10% increase from the previous year.

Case law prohibits governments from criminalizing the state of being homeless in public places. We are working to address and develop reasonable homeless response strategies and actions while balancing the rights of property owners and business owners.



YEAR	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
2018	763	3201	3964
2017	657	3091	3748
2016	570	2798	3368



## PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE DEPARTMENT

*The City recently entered into an interlocal agreement with Skagit County, City of Burlington, City of Mount Vernon, City of Sedro Wooley and Aero Skagit Emergency Services to transition the countywide ambulance services to a fire based system.*

As of January 1, 2019, Anacortes Fire Department now provides Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service to all of Fidalgo Island and the western portion of Skagit County including the Town of La Conner and eastward to Best Road. To handle this expanded EMS area, Fire Station 3 located on Molly Lane near Reservation Road is now staffed 24 hours per day with a crew of two firefighter-paramedics, an Engine and an Ambulance. The Fire Department also expanded our staff by hiring four new firefighter-paramedics who previously worked for the Central Valley Ambulance Authority which was disbanded during the EMS Transition. The total staff of the Fire Department is now 28 firefighters including 21 paramedics and 6 emergency medical technicians with all three stations open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Anacortes Fire Department responded to nearly 4,000 calls for service in 2018 a significant increases in calls for service compared to 2017: 14% increase in fire calls, 3.5% increase in EMS calls.

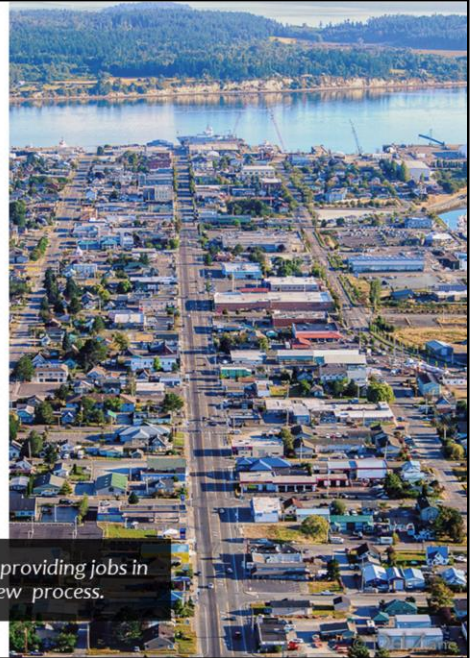
We meet monthly with a Disaster Preparedness team of HAM radio operators, our Community Emergency Response Team, and public safety staff to assist in coordinating a cloud-based computing disaster recovery system. We are currently in the process of finalizing a contract for Emergency Management operations preparedness. In 2019, we will add a system called ShakeAlert which is an earthquake early warning system.

The leadership and administration of the Fire Department saw change with the retirement of long-time Fire Chief Richard Curtis following 22 years of dedicated service to the City. Fire Chief Dave Oliveri was appointed as his replacement following a national search and recruitment process, and we are excited he has joined our team.

## PLANNING COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

YEAR	SINGLE FAMILY	BUILDING PERMITS
2018	94	601
2017	93	565
2016	98	604

*We are committed to promoting healthy economic development and providing jobs in our community through the City's streamlined development review process.*



Our Planning, Community and Economic Development department has several projects continuing including the completion of the Development Regulation updates consistent with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. The Anacortes Comprehensive Plan set the stage to guide the city's growth for the next 20 years. Since its adoption, the community has been deeply engaged in the process of updating our development regulations and zoning map to implement key goals and policies of the Comp Plan. Hundreds of public comments have helped to shape and refine the draft regulations, which will be coming to council soon for review and adoption. To date, we have had 22 Planning Commission meetings, over 200 written comments have been received, as well as 150 verbal presentations to the public.

Key elements include:

- Updates to increase the variety and choice of housing types and sizes
- New design standards will help ensure livability and neighborhood compatibility.
- A new Marine Mixed Use zone
- New site and building design standards for the Central Business District and south Commercial Avenue
- Adjustments to industrial and manufacturing zone permitted uses and development standards

In 2018, 94 single family units and 601 building permits were issued. We continue to see strong development and investment activity this year. As development occurs in Anacortes, committed to retaining features that define Anacortes.

The City of Anacortes is focused on Affordable Housing options. The Council and I believe all community members should be able to live, work, and thrive in Anacortes. The present real estate market and lack of multifamily and affordable housing built over the last decade, have put an extreme burden on all Northwest communities. In February 2018, the City Council adopted Ordinance 3017, an Affordable Housing Demonstration Program to incentivize and support construction of affordable housing units.

*The Maritime Strategic Plan was developed to support and grow existing maritime business while providing infrastructure, technology and workforce development of Anacortes.*

## MARITIME



One of the City's highest priorities is to promote and expand a sustainable maritime economy while preserving our historically rich maritime culture. Together with the Port of Anacortes and the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC), a Strategic Plan was developed to support and grow existing maritime businesses while providing infrastructure, technology and workforce development.

The strategic plan will:

- build upon public support for engagement in the development of a thriving, sustainable Anacortes maritime sector;
- position Anacortes as the Pacific Northwest's center for the emerging future maritime industry;
- establish Anacortes as a state-wide and national center for

maritime workforce development, education, research and development; and

- establish Anacortes as a regional and international destination for marine-related tourism.

**WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE'S  
MARITIME INNOVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**



Governor Jay Inslee launched the Maritime Blue 2050 initiative, the first initiative of its kind in the country to bolster innovations in the maritime sector that create living-wage jobs, protect the environment and ensure sustainability for the industry.

The initiative is meant to build on Washington's strengths as a global leader in maritime technology innovation and best practices.

# MARITIME



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Anacortes Maritime Strategic Plan also coincides with the Governor Inslee's Washington Maritime BLUE: 2050 Vision for Accelerating Innovation Project. Anacortes is in the unique position to capture and leverage the competitive advantages of the maritime environment. We are emphasizing Anacortes' unique, creative, vibrant maritime community with respect to our history as a worthy waterfront town, and protecting our natural environment and public lands for future generations. Anacortes was the only city in Washington State who had representation to serve on this initiative committee.



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to work and live locally and  
communicate globally.*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LAVLE is a joint venture company from Japan that will manufacture energy storage and propulsion systems. The joint venture has the potential to make Washington, a presence of innovation in the technologies of battery systems and transportation. LAVLE has located their NW United States Headquarters here bringing hundreds of jobs to Skagit County.

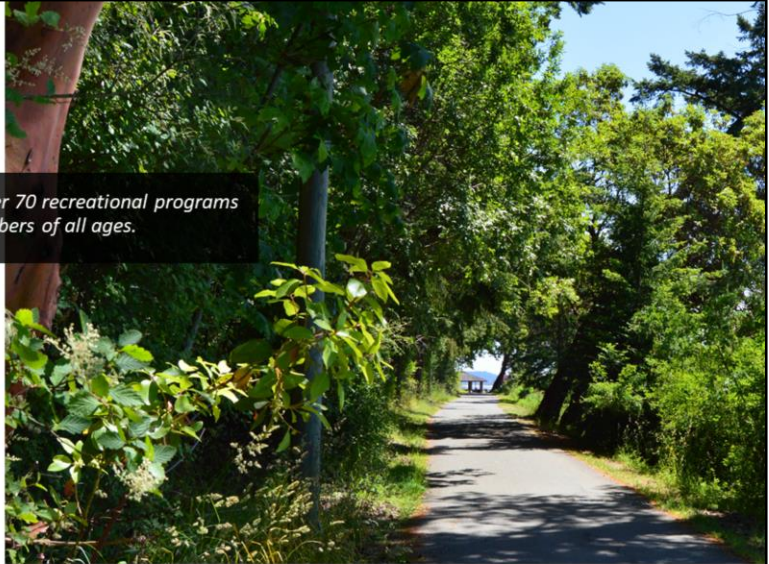
Last month, Innovation Norway came to visit as part of their partnership with EDASC and the WA State Department of Commerce. We have heard back from two Norwegian marine and clean tech companies that would like to move their US headquarters to our community. They said Anacortes was the community that felt most like home.

Our Strategic Plan was built to support and grow all of our existing maritime business with providing infrastructure, technology and workforce development. We are seeking out high tech, marine oriented businesses that use technology and provide living wage positions.

## PARKS & RECREATION

*Our Parks and Recreation staff provides over 70 recreational programs and events for community members of all ages.*

- 18 Parks
- Grandview Cemetery
- 3,000 acres of Community Forest Lands
- Depot Arts Community Center & Plaza
- Senior Activity Center
- Heart of Anacortes



## QUALITY OF LIFE

We take great pride in our parks, recreation, forest land, and trail systems while being mindful of the environmental sustainability efforts.

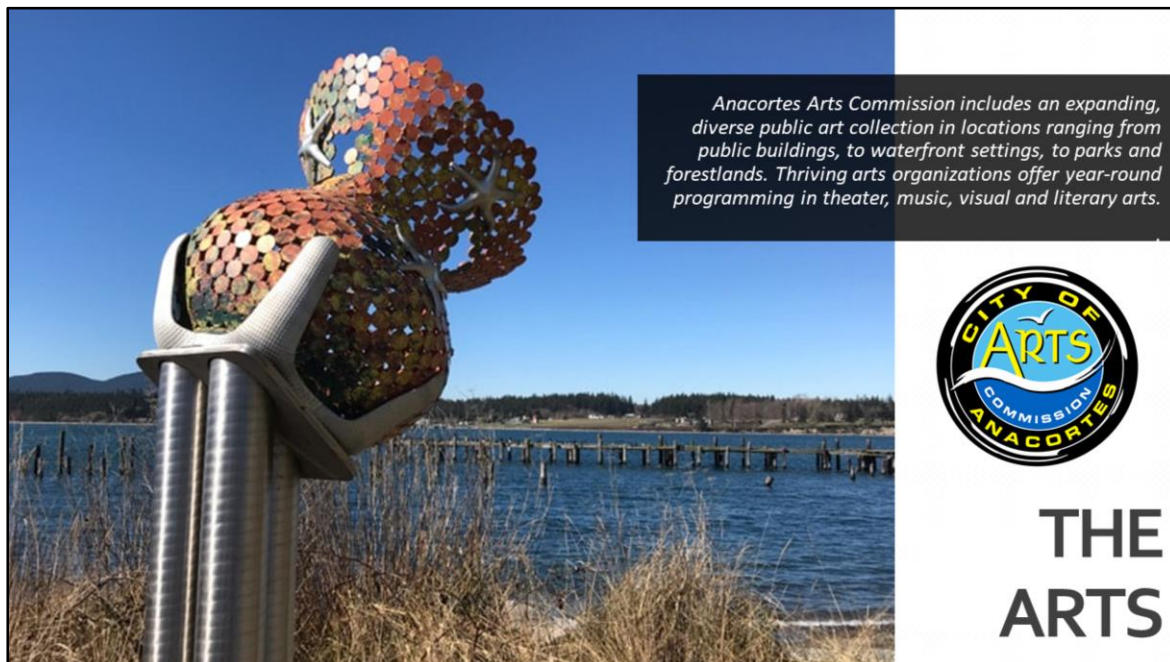
City Soccer is our biggest youth sport leagues that we offer. Over 500 kids between the ages of 5-14 participate in this program with the support of over 100 volunteer coaches. We are successful thanks to the many volunteer coaches who make this league possible. This league is just for fun and we truly believe that when it comes to youth sports “kindness matters”.

The Alton Daniels Field was converted from grass to all weather turf thanks to generous donations from our community partners.

Washington Park has improved its campground reservation website so guests can make reservations quickly and easily by seeing what is available throughout the park. The first two weeks the website was up and running people made over 842 reservations.

This year, the access road to the Cemetery will be improved for better access and future expansion to the west.

The leadership and administration of the Parks and Recreation Department also saw change with the retirement of long-time Parks and Recreation Director Gary Robinson following 33 years of dedicated service to the City, 25 of those years as director. Jonn Lunsford was appointed as his replacement following a national search and recruitment process. Jonn brings 17 years of knowledge about the complexity of managing parks, trails, and the Anacortes Community Forest Lands.



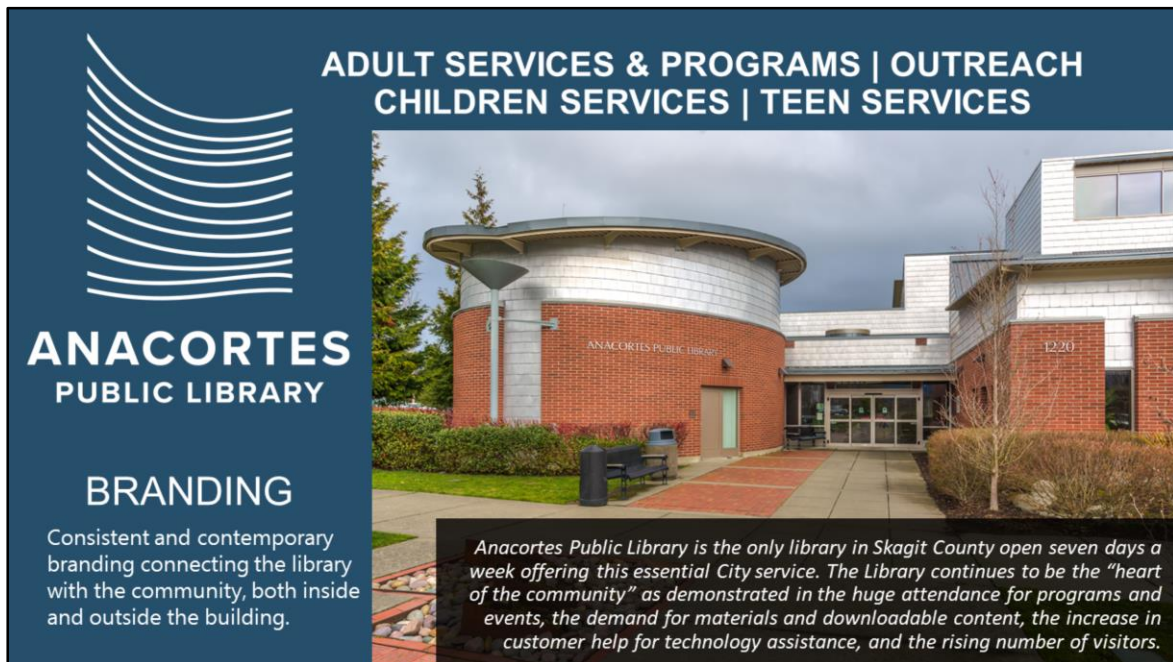
*Anacortes Arts Commission includes an expanding, diverse public art collection in locations ranging from public buildings, to waterfront settings, to parks and forestlands. Thriving arts organizations offer year-round programming in theater, music, visual and literary arts.*



**THE  
ARTS**

The Anacortes Arts Commission added four pieces of public art in 2018. In a partnership with Windermere Realty, 12 sculptures were displayed as part of the Madrona Sculpture Exhibition at the Depot. The 98221 Studio showcases local artists throughout city hall and beautifies the Council Chamber and main hallway. I encourage you to explore the art while you are here. Year round, the First Friday art walks throughout the City draw big crowds and help us to support and promote our artistic and creative community.





If there is one place that's the HEART of our community it is the Anacortes Public Library. The City hired Ruth Barefoot as the director of the library in 2018 and she brings a wealth of knowledge and ideas to this local treasure.

So, what's new at the library?

- The library rebranded their marketing and communication presence
- Space planning and reconfiguration is underway to improve customer service interactions
- The library will be the first site for fiber in the community

We have implemented many initiatives identified in the Library Strategic Plan. Some of the highlights are:

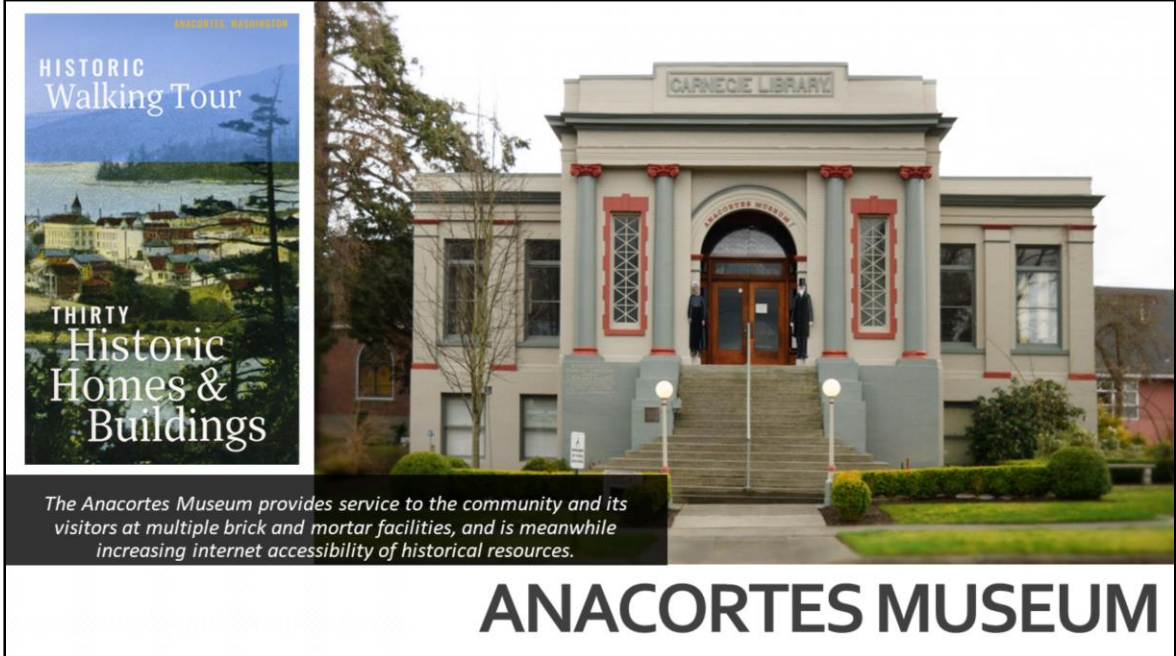
- Increased funding to our digital resources, making it even easier to love your library wherever you are.
- Student cards through a partnership with the school district enables all K-12 students access to library resources.
- Time for Tots continues to be our most popular program, an increase of attendance by 27% over the past year.
- The library now opens at 11AM every day of the week.
- The library is a Family Place Library and 14,200 people have active Anacortes Public Library card
- Teen programs attendance has doubled in the last two years
- In November, 800 muggles magically appeared at Harry Potter Night!





The Anacortes Senior Activity Center is a vital community hub where seniors thrive. There are an average of 150 visitors per day and 258 programs per month. The ASAC is staffed by one full time administrator, an administrative assistant, and over 170 volunteers providing nearly 10,000 hours annually of volunteer assistance. The Anacortes Senior Activity Center is the only accredited facility in the State of Washington.

In 2019, the implementation of the Aging Mastery Program through the National Council on Aging will take place. The City is very appreciative of the financial support, in excess of \$100,000, that the Foundation provides to augment the City's budget for the Anacortes Senior Activity Center.



The Anacortes Museum has online accessibility to over 35,000 images, and 40 years of local newspapers, original films and documentaries. The Anacortes Museum Department staged multiple exhibits and events at its three facilities in 2018. An exhibit on historic architecture, At Home in Anacortes, continued at the Carnegie Gallery and Puget Pulp Pioneers opened at the Maritime Heritage Center.

Throughout the year staff supported artist Mary Ennes Davis' research for a history mural at the new Anacortes High School. Many education and outreach events occurred in 2018 at museum facilities, in classrooms and all over the community.

2018 concluded with our annual December holiday exhibit

featuring the displays donated by the Burl Ives estate.

Ongoing work by staff continues to improve the museum website and expand online access to the museum's vast database of historic photographs and artifacts. Steady visitation at the W.T. Preston benefitted from increased marketing and a new exhibit on Anacortes newspaper history is open at the Carnegie throughout 2019.

- Low income housing projects exempt from paying impact fees
- 20% utility bill discount for residents who are within 150% of the federal poverty level

Community Development Block Grant funding	\$108,000
Anacortes Community Health	\$1,500
Skagit Community Action Agency	\$10,000
County Health- Chemical Dependency	\$14,000
Boys & Girls Club (members meeting poverty criteria)	\$10,000
County- Meals on Wheels Program	\$40,000
Community Resource Officer	Cost Share with ASD



*The City participates in social service support the aid of the poor and infirmed.*

## SOCIAL SERVICES

The City of Anacortes provides assistance to the poor and infirmed in accordance and within the limitations for use of public funds.

The City adopted municipal code that exempts low income housing projects from paying impact fees. The Anacortes Family Center benefited from this policy change when they applied for a building permit for a twenty unit transitional housing project resulting in cost savings of approximately \$160,000 in reduced impact fees and general facilities waivers.

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**GOVERNMENT ACCESS**

I am committed to providing the leadership necessary for an efficient, open, and responsive government that is receptive to our community. The City now provides 24/7 access to city records. Internally, this process has allowed formerly unconnected City processes direct access to now centralized information.

We have integrated Cartegraph, a customizable web-based mapping system to our online portal allowing the staff and public a tool to locate utilities, parks, and other city amenities.



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- COMMUNITY YOUTH RECREATION CENTER
- MUNICIPAL BROADBAND
- TRAIL SYSTEMS
- TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
- MARITIME SECTOR



Last week, Senior staff members Emily Schuh, Nicole Tesch, and I traveled to Olympia and met with our legislative senators and representatives to advocate for our city priorities and proposed bills that impact the quality of life that we enjoy in Anacortes. We met with Representative Jeff Morris (an Anacortes high school graduate), Representative Debra Lekanoff, Senator Barbara Bailey, Senator Liz Lovelett (another Anacortes graduate), Senator Keith Wagoner, Association of Washington Cities Government Relations Director Candice Bock and Policy Advisor to Governor Inslee John Flanagan.

Our top priorities this year are the Community Youth Recreation Center, Municipal Fiber Broadband, our Trail Systems, Maritime Strategic Plan, and transportation projects.

## AT LARGE POSITION

Candidates must submit

- a letter of interest and resume that describes their interest in becoming a city council member
- notes their previous community involvement,
- describes the skills that they bring to the position.
- Due Wednesday March 20, 2019 by noon



## COUNCIL VACANCY

Councilmember Liz Lovelett announced her resignation from the City Council vacating her seat effective February 25, 2019 following her appointment to the 40<sup>th</sup> District of the Washington State Senate.

Interested candidates are sought to fill the remainder of the term which expires December 31, 2021. Responses are due by noon on Wednesday March 20, 2019.

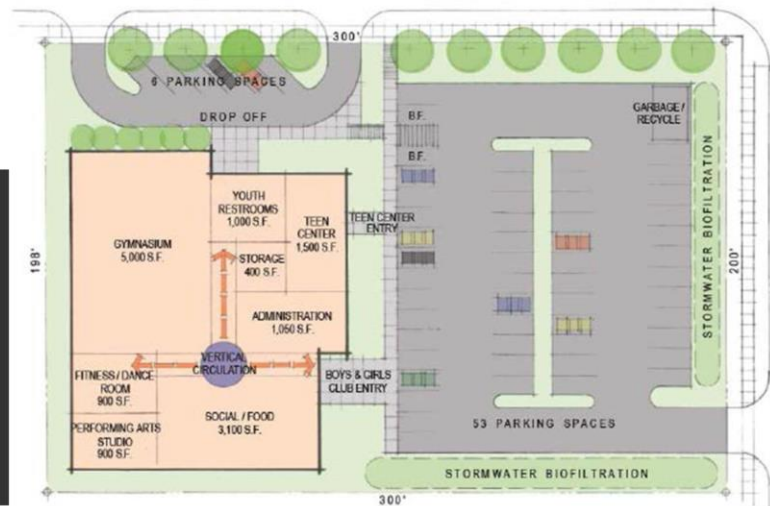
Candidates will be provided the opportunity to address City Council, and the community with a prepared five-minute presentation on Monday March 25, 2019 at the City Council meeting. An appointment by the governing board is expected in early April.





BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SKAGIT COUNTY

*The City of Anacortes is passionate about serving our children and we believe the future of our community depends on how well prepared, emotionally grounded, and physically healthy our children are as they grow into adulthood. Anacortes youth emphatically asked for a place to call their own. A partnership between the City, the Anacortes School District, and the Anacortes Boys & Girls Club aims to provide them a safe place.*



## COMMUNITY YOUTH RECREATION CENTER

The Anacortes youth emphatically asks for a place to call their own. A partnership between the City, the Anacortes School District, and the Anacortes Boys & Girls Club aims to provide them a safe place. A Community Youth Recreation Center will foster emotional and mental health wellbeing, encourage educational achievement, and support the youth of our community. Anacortes's goal is to create diverse, innovative, affordable, and age-appropriate opportunities; to offer a safe place to study and socialize; and to expose members to recreational, educational, and family support opportunities.

An anonymous donor has pledged to match each dollar raised for the project. We have signed an MOU with the Anacortes School District and are in the program's developmental phase. In 2019,

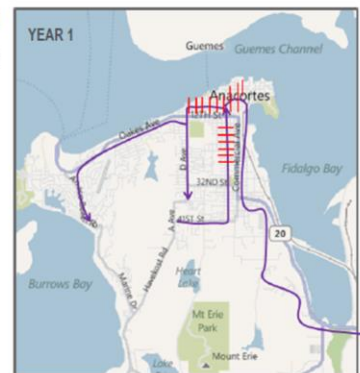
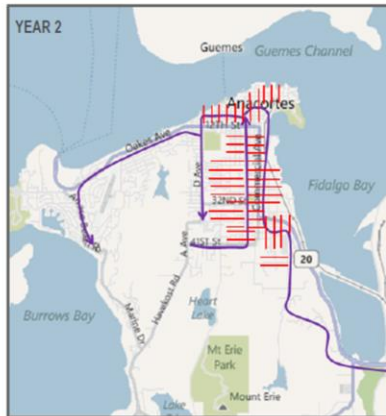
we will complete program development and master planning for the Community Youth Recreation Center.

*The City of Anacortes is improving the reliability and speed of internet services in town and is constructing a fiber optic based internet network for city and community use. High-quality affordable broadband technology gives consumers access to super-fast speeds and provides the entire city with new opportunities to grow economically.*

#### NETWORK TRIAL- YEAR 1

Build to approximately 1000 buildings: CBD, Old Town, and M Ave pilot zone

- Construction and capital equipment estimate: \$1.2MIL
- Per existing NoaNet price estimates
- Operational cost including 4 new employees and outsourcing of after-hours calls: \$500K
- Total investment: \$1.7 MIL
- Subtract \$300k for County Grant  
Investment \$1.4MIL



#### AERIAL NEIGHBORHOODS- YEAR 2

Construction costs to build past the next 2000 buildings served by aerial utilities

Estimate \$675 per building passed and \$750 per customer connection  
Investment \$1.8MIL

## MUNICIPAL FIBER

Bringing broadband internet access to Anacortes residents and businesses is not only important, it's imperative. Broadband access will be a game-changer for our community. With broadband fiber access, I foresee a community where households can connect all their devices without worry, entrepreneurs having the infrastructure they need to innovate, our education and healthcare providers having the platform for learning and telemedicine, and the City will have additional capacity to address local problems, from growing traffic congestion to managing large databases.

The plan is to complete broadband fiber access to the homes and businesses throughout all of Anacortes in the next 4 years. This year we are starting with passing 1,000 homes and businesses in

our Commercial Business District, Old Town, and M Avenue corridor.

We recently hired a Municipal Broadband Business Manager Jim Lemberg and while meeting with our State Legislators we promoted and discussed possible funding options of this important future focused technology.

## 64 miles of trails

- Guemes Channel Trail
- Washington Park
- Tommy Thompson Channel Trail
- Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve
- Rotary Park
- Anacortes Community Forest Lands



## TRAIL SYSTEMS

We take great pride in our parks, recreation, forest land, and trail systems while being mindful of the environmental sustainability efforts.

The Guemes Channel Trail allows users of all ages and abilities an opportunity to enjoy a special place in our community with a walking/biking path that runs along the waterfront. The Guemes Channel Trail is envisioned as a 3-mile trail linking the Tommy Thompson Trail, downtown Anacortes, the Ferry Terminal and Washington Park. A community environmental review process is necessary prior to any further expansion. We are adding a website feature that will provide a community engagement opportunity. Community volunteers gave over 100 hours to plant and care for over 200 native trees added to the trail.

Washington Park, our 220-acre city park features camping, hiking, boat launch, day use picnic sites and a group tenting area. This year we plan to permit and redesign the boat launch which provides an important public access infrastructure. A special thank you to Transpac for their generous donation.

Tommy Thompson Parkway consists of approximately 3.3 miles of ADA accessible paved trail for pedestrians and bicyclists. The City and the Samish Indian Nation want to work together to improve the overall health of Fidalgo Bay and are committed to this partnership.

The Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve was established to preserve and protect a wetland located near the Washington State Ferry Terminal. A public process is still necessary for further expansion of this trail to link the Washington State Ferries to the preserve.

Rotary Park was recently improved with the addition of a disc golf course made possible by the removal of 50 dump truck loads of invasive ivy. Rotary Park is an example of the City's commitment to provide new recreation opportunities while supporting conservation.

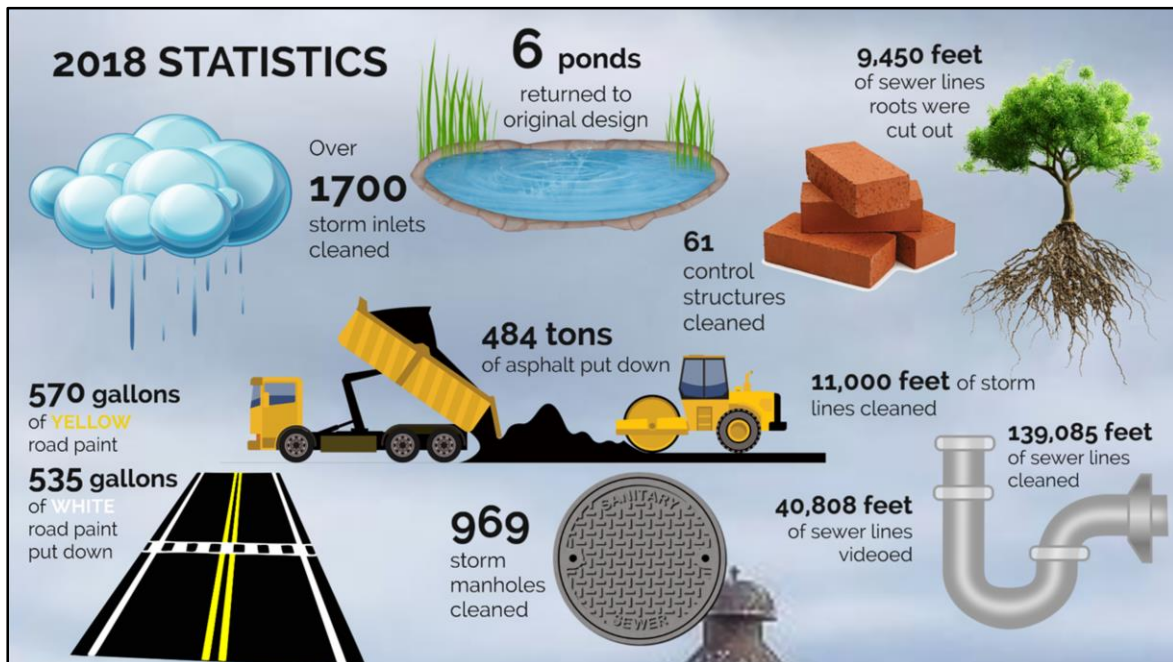


The public works department provides essential services to our community daily to serving:

- 15.53 square miles,
- 18 parks which cover 3,176 acres including Grandview Cemetery,
- 126 miles of roadway,
- 160 miles of active waterlines,
- 106 miles of active sewer main lines,
- 1,098 fire hydrants,
- 64 miles of trail systems,
- as well as creating and maintaining 3,000 signs citywide.

In addition to essential services, the Public Works department is responsible for the maintenance for capital projects and upgrades to the City's infrastructure.





In 2018 alone, the engineering and operations team:

- cleaned over 1700 storm inlets,
- restored 6 ponds,
- cleaned 9,450 feet of tree roots from sewer lines,
- cleaned 61 control structures,
- laid 484 tons of asphalt,
- cleaned 11,000 feet of storm lines and 139,085 feet of sewer lines,
- cleaned 969 storm manholes,
- and used 570 gallons of yellow road paint and 535 gallons of white road paint.

This infrastructure, our facilities and our services could not be provided and maintained without the dedicated efforts of our

public works team, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our city's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens.

We are committed to storm water compliance. We have worked very hard to implement Low Impact development codes, from implementation, Regulation and Education and training of Staff and Citizens and contractors. The city council is committed and understands the Importance of having a storm water program that improves Water Quality and their expectation is that the city will exceed in this area.

# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

## SOLID WASTE SERVICES

### FREE SPRING & FALL CLEAN UP

- 17 employees worked
- 454 customers served
- collected 32.16 tons of garbage
- 120 yards of organics



The City of Anacortes Solid Waste department is responsible for the pick up of both commercial and residential solid waste within the city limits of Anacortes. Each year we offered two free clean up days. In 2018, we collected 32.16 tons of garbage and 120 yards of organics from 454 customers.

We also continue the offer drop box services and currently we have 11 permanent accounts.

# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT

### INCINERATOR CROSS OVER DUCT



The Anacortes Wastewater Treatment Plant provides a secondary treatment biological process, that treats suspended and dissolved solids. This process vastly improves the quality of the treated water Anacortes discharges into the Salish Sea. The treatment plant has an average daily flow of 1.89 million gallons and is permitted for up to 4.5 million gallons per day.

The telemetry upgrade was a two year project and in 2018, the 11 remaining pump stations were upgraded and the pump stations are in Fiber Ready status.

The biggest project this year was replacing the 26 year old crossover duct, expansion joints and tube sheet on the heat exchanger on the Incinerator.



## SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT

- Reconstruction and repairs
- Eliminating trip hazards
- Additional Catch basins
- ADA Accessibility



## SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE

In 2018, we improved our sidewalk network by completing several capital projects. Public Works Engineering Technician Gunnar Christensen, came up with an innovative idea of using a horizontal saw cutting technique to eliminate trip hazards of our sidewalks. This innovation reduced the need for total sidewalk replacement, saving the City approximately \$200K. Gunnar earned a Mayors Award of Merit for this cost saving idea.



## 32<sup>nd</sup> & D Avenue Roundabout

- Improve safety
- Ease congestion
- Improve the reliability of trip times and provide better bicyclist and pedestrian access through this area - crews built a single lane roundabout including truck aprons and mount bale islands.
- Bicycle facilities include bicycle lanes that transition to a multi-use walkway around the roundabout.



## TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

To improve safety, ease congestion, improve the reliability of trip times and provide better bicyclist and pedestrian access at 32<sup>nd</sup> and D Avenue, a single lane roundabout was built. Bicycle improvements include bicycle lanes that transition to a multi-use walkway. Pedestrian improvements include 8-foot wide sidewalks, ADA ramps, and crosswalks. The City of Anacortes will celebrate with a ribbon cutting this coming Spring.



## M Avenue Overlay

- Sewer Lines Reinforced
- 80 ADA Ramps updated
- Crosswalk built at Whitney Elementary
- Complete Streets Project



## TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Several streets have been resurfaced in 2018 including M Avenue. The M Avenue overlay project was necessary due to failing pavement. The City reinforced sewer lines, updated 80 ADA ramps along M Avenue, installed mid-block crossing at Whitney Elementary, 11 alley approaches were reconstructed to become ADA compliant and provide gentler approach to M Avenue from the alleys, multiple sidewalk gaps were repaired, as well as additional catch basins were installed to fix known drainage issues that occurred.

## Blue Heron Reservoirs

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## **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

As part of the 2018 Waterline Replacement Project, approximately 3,000 linear feet of water main was replaced on Piper Circle and Sugarloaf Street along with a new asphalt overlay.

## FIRST IN NORTH AMERICA

The City of Anacortes is the first in North America to successfully construct a fiber optic backbone in **active water lines** that links the Water Treatment Plant located in Mount Vernon, the Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Anacortes, sewer pump stations, and other facilities.



## TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Water distribution crews successfully constructed a fiber optic backbone in active water lines making Anacortes the first in North America to successfully construct this type of technology infrastructure. The micro-duct will allow city staff to feed fiber-optic cables through the pipes, connecting the Water Treatment Plant on River Bend Road in Mount Vernon with the in-town Blue Heron booster station with fiber optics. The system replaces the city's unreliable radio-based telemetry system used to control the sewer and water systems and may provide a backbone for a city-wide broadband system.

## OPERATIONS REMODEL

The Operations Headquarters remodel was completed in January 2019, most work was completed by city staff.

The operations building houses our staff and fleet vehicles for administration, solid waste, and street utilities.



## CITY FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE

The Streets and Utilities Department maintains the infrastructure of the City's Street, Storm and Sewer lines. A much needed remodel of the operations headquarters was completed in January 2019, most of the work was completed by city staff.



## OVERLAYS

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- K Avenue (12<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Street)
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- Commercial Avenue (36<sup>th</sup> to Fidalgo)
- Sidewalk/trip hazard projects
- 40 ADA Ramps

## Water & Wastewater Line Replacements

- Pass Lake Waterline
- Intake Station Raw Water Line
- Sewer line and pump station upgrades



# 2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Public Work Department will have a busy year with their 2019 Capital Projects:

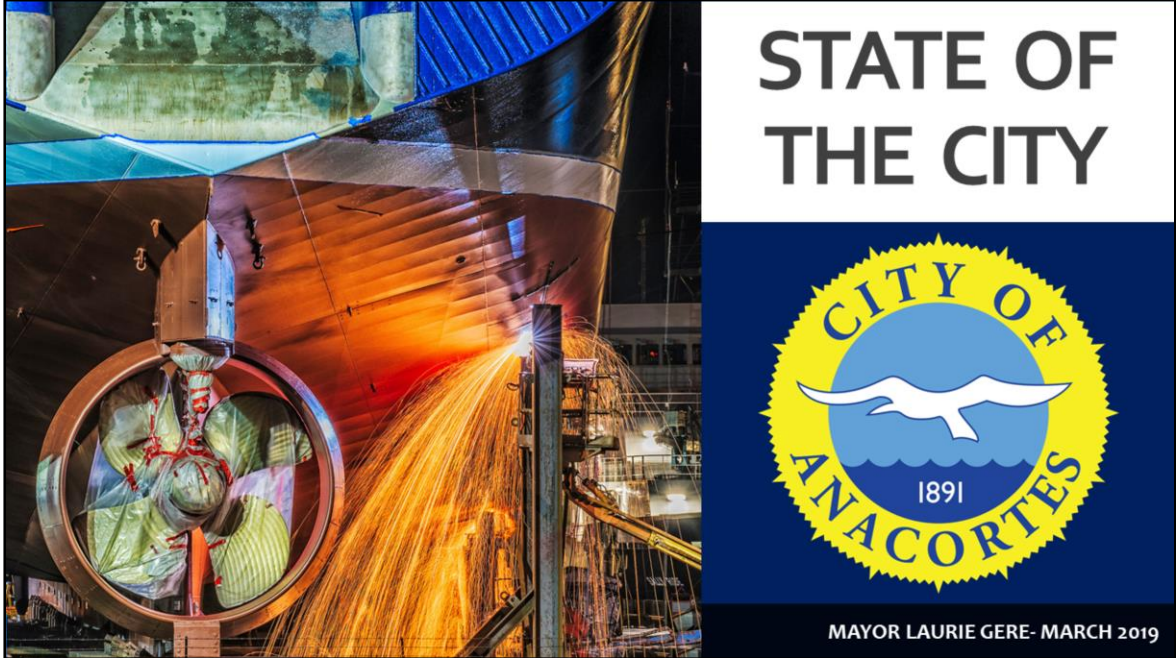
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Thank you for your continued participation, it is vital to accomplishing our goals.

We invite you to attend to a City Council meeting or watch them online, join one of our committees, attend one of my monthly coffee events, or make an appointment with me, our Council members, or our staff. Every voice matters and we believe that only by working together can we move forward to meet the needs of our citizens and continue to make Anacortes a wonderful place.

- 1 Mayor
- 7 Council members
- 200 City employees
- 16,800 residents

Lets continue to be engaged! Perhaps I have piqued your interest in applying for our council vacancy seat?

Thank you for being here today and thanks for everything you do to make Anacortes home.

Bill Mitchell  
1949-2019



PHOTO CREDITS

- Del Zane Photography
- Eddie Murdock
- Chris Terrell
- Rakan AlDuaig
- City drone footage
- King 5 Evening Magazine, Darrell Benedict (via YouTube)
- [Bill's Murals](#)

In closing, I wish to honor Bill Mitchell who was one of Anacortes' true colorful characters and who will be incredibly missed.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=G2CBxYLG\\_YE&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=G2CBxYLG_YE&app=desktop)